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In re P	Patent Application	of					
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450							
AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION							
Sir:					~		
In response to the Office Action of December 24, 2003, please amend the above-							
identified application as follows:							
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. ___ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.